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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Whickham Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1965.

The year shows a natural population increase of 285 while the estimated population for the District is 26,990, an increase of 770 over the figure for 1964.

The birth rate and total number of births show an increase compared with 1964, following the same trend as last year, and the former is higher than that for both the County and the Country as a whole. The total number of deaths and the death rate for the District have both decreased, the latter remaining lower than that for the County and for England and Wales which have both risen slightly. Once again, the infant mortality rate continued to show an encouraging decrease, being less than half of the County and National figures. The high standard of post-natal care maintained is reflected in this continued decrease in successive years. No deaths arose from pregnancy or other maternal causes.

The pattern of the most common causes of death is unaltered, out of a total of 242 diseases, 115 occurring from cardio-vascular diseases and 60 from cancer, this latter figure being a considerable increase on that for 1964.

The biennial increase of prevalence of measles has caused the total number of notified infectious diseases to rise to 508 compared with 198 in 1964, 425 cases of measles being notified. No deaths from tuberculosis occurred; 15 patients were reported as recovered and their names removed from the Register. The total number of registered tuberculosis sufferers has remained unaltered compared with last year. Once again, no cases of diphtheria, poliomyelitis, smallpox, typhoid or paratyphoid arose and none of these infections have been notified for a considerable number of years.

As detailed in Section III of this Report, immunisation programmes continued to be pursued vigorously, with prophylaxis against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, smallpox and tuberculosis. The same Section contains details of the operations in the District of the Blood Donor Panel and the Mobile X-ray Unit.

Through the medium of Health Visitors and other nursing personnel, and by the wide distribution of posters and pamphlets, health education continues to be pursued. Particular attention is paid to the supply of food posters to food premises and food handlers who have become more conscious thereby of their responsibilities. Inspections of such premises have shown the standard to be satisfactory and no particular problems arose during the year.

The County Council is to be congratulated on the extension of the provision of residential accommodation under the National Assistance Acts and a further hostel at Ryton was opened for active use in the middle of the year.

The Council continued to give enthusiastic and practical support to all welfare activities and, with its help and through the willing collaboration of the Women's Voluntary Service and two industrial canteens, the Meals on Wheels Service has continued to expand and flourish, the present number of meals supplied per week being 168.

The Old People's Welfare Committee, formed last year, has gradually widened and increased its activities; it is a very active body and it is a pleasure to report that several luncheon clubs and chiropody clinics were functioning efficiently before the end of the year and plans for further expansion were also well forward. I would like to record my thanks in connection with these welfare activities for the financial support of the District and County Councils and for the untiring voluntary work of the Women's Voluntary Service, the British Red Cross Society and many other members of the community of the District. The financial assistance and support given by the Whickham Round Table has been most welcome and praiseworthy.

General welfare has not been neglected and I would take this opportunity of welcoming to the staff of the Department, Mr. J. Huxley, as Housing and Welfare Officer. He took up his appointment early in 1965 and the extent and variety of the social problem, with which he has dealt most courteously and efficiently, has been of great benefit to the whole community.

Family Case Conferences, the formation of which was first reported last year, continued to be held and solutions to a number of family difficulties were thereby found.

Local Co-ordinating Committee Meetings continued to be held in No. 1 Health Area, three being held during the year. Details of its activities are given on page 19.

As in previous years, the purity of water supplies continued to receive careful supervision. Regular sampling was carried out by the supplying companies and the Health Department. Results showed the water supplies to be pure and wholesome. Further progress has been reported in respect of Honey Hill Treatment Works.

Efforts to improve the purity of the atmosphere continue, all Council houses now being built being fitted with appliances capable of burning hard coke or using other smokeless fuels such as gas. The measurement of deposited matter in the atmosphere was continued during the year.

The Armstrong Buildings, Clavering Avenue and Handy Terrace, Compulsory Purchase Order, which embodied two Slum Clearance Areas, was confirmed during the year and rehousing of the residents was started. Work on the Council's Slum Clearance Programme was continued with the inspection of houses at Byermoor.

The continued growth of housing estates in the District imposed further burdens on the refuse collection and disposal service; but a regular service was maintained by the expansion of the paper sack method of collection.



General inspections of premises, registered under the provisions of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, were commenced and, as mentioned in the Report, matters requiring attention were generally of a minor nature.

I am happy to be able to report continued good progress in sanitary and health measures and once again express my thanks to members of the Health Committee and of the Council for their co-operation and understanding which have made my own task the more pleasing and the Department's efforts more rewarding and effective.

I would record my thanks to colleagues in other Departments of the Council for their help and collaboration when needed. The work of all members of the Health Department continued at a high level and I would record my thanks to all the officers and other employees of the Department for their continued excellent work.

I would take this opportunity of welcoming to the staff, Mr. G. Hall, who took up appointment as Senior Public Health Inspector on 2nd August 1965, and extend to him my good wishes and my thanks for the most efficient way he has taken over the duties of his predecessor, Mr. R. W. Thirkell, who has taken up a new appointment in another Urban District. I would thank him for his work in the early part of the year and wish him well in his new appointment.

The good relations existing within this Department have contributed very considerably to the high standard which has been maintained; and the helpful collaboration of the County Medical Officer and his staff, and staff assistance when required, must be recorded with my thanks.

Mrs. Preece was appointed, last year, Area Health Clerk, in succession to Mrs. Brown; after giving brief but valuable assistance, it was necessary for her to resign her appointment in March 1965 for personal domestic reasons and I would thank her for her help.

Mrs. Martin, whose appointment was mentioned in last year's Report, took up her duties as Area Health Clerk on 11th February, 1965 and to her I am indebted for the collection and compiling of the detailed material in this Report relating to Personal Health Services; this has been carried out most efficiently and to her also my thanks are due.

While special mention should be made of the various voluntary services who have done so much for the community in welfare matters, I would also express appreciation to all other Organisations outside of Local Government who have collaborated so willingly in supplying me with information regarding their activities.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN A. DRYDEN,

Medical Officer of Health.



## 1. SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES

There have been no alterations to the Boundaries of the Urban District. The area is bounded to the North by the River Tyne, to the West by the River Derwent, to the East by the County Borough of Gateshead and the Rural District of Chester-le-Street and to the South by the Urban District of Stanley.

The District is divided into four Wards viz :—

Dunston  
Marley Hill  
Swalwell  
Whickham

1. DUNSTON — has the largest population and is both residential and industrial. The main industries are flour mills, paint works, pre-cast concrete works, saw mills and an electricity generating station.
2. MARLEY HILL — is very scattered and rural, coal mining being the only industry. The three collieries in the Ward are Blackburn Fell, Byermoor, and Marley Hill.
3. SWALWELL — has as its chief industries engineering, foundry works, brick making and metal working. A screening plant used in connection with opencast coal workings is situated in the northerly part of the Ward.
4. WHICKHAM — is semi-rural in character and is essentially residential. The population finds its employment outside the Ward.

II.

STATISTICS

General.

Acreage — 6,213.  
Number of inhabited houses :  
    Council 2,715      Other 6,502      Total 9,217.  
Number of Other Premises : 635.  
Rateable Value : £833,966.  
Sum represented by a penny rate : £3,386.

Vital.

Population — 1931 — 20,750  
                  1951 — 23,116  
                  1965 — 26,990

Density of persons per house : 2.93.

Births : Comparability Factor : 0.97.

Live Births :	Male	Female	Total
Number	279	248	527
Rate (per 1,000 population) :		Crude	C.F. Adjusted
Whickham Urban District		19.53	18.94
Durham County		18.10	17.70
England and Wales		18.00	—
Illegitimate Live Births :	Male	Female	Total
Number	17	13	30
Percentage of total live births :	5.69.		
Still Births :	Male	Female	Total
Number	3	7	10
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births :	18.62.		
Total Live and Still Births :	537.		

Deaths : Comparability Factor : 1.20.

	Male	Female	Total
Number	146	96	242
Rate per 1,000 population :		Crude	C.F. Adjusted
Whickham Urban District		8.97	10.76
Durham County		11.40	13.50
England and Wales		11.50	—

The commonest causes of death during 1965 were :

1. Coronary Diseases .....	62
2. Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System .....	34
3. Malignant Neoplasms at Defined Sites .....	33
4. Respiratory Disease .....	31
5. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms .....	26 (+1)
6. Other Heart Diseases .....	18 (+1)

Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year)			
	Male	Female	Total
Number	5	0	5
Infant Mortality Rates (total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births)			
Whickham Urban District .....			9·49
Durham County .....			20·57
England and Wales .....			19·00
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....			10·06
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....			0·00
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).....			
			3·80
Early Nco-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).....			
			1·90
Perinatal Mortality (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)			
			20·48
Causes of Infant Deaths :			
Prematurity with Hyaline Membrane Disease .....			1
Cerebellar Haemorrhage .....			1
Acute Enteritis with Perforation .....			1
Congenital Heart Disease .....			1
Broncho Pneumonia .....			1

#### Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

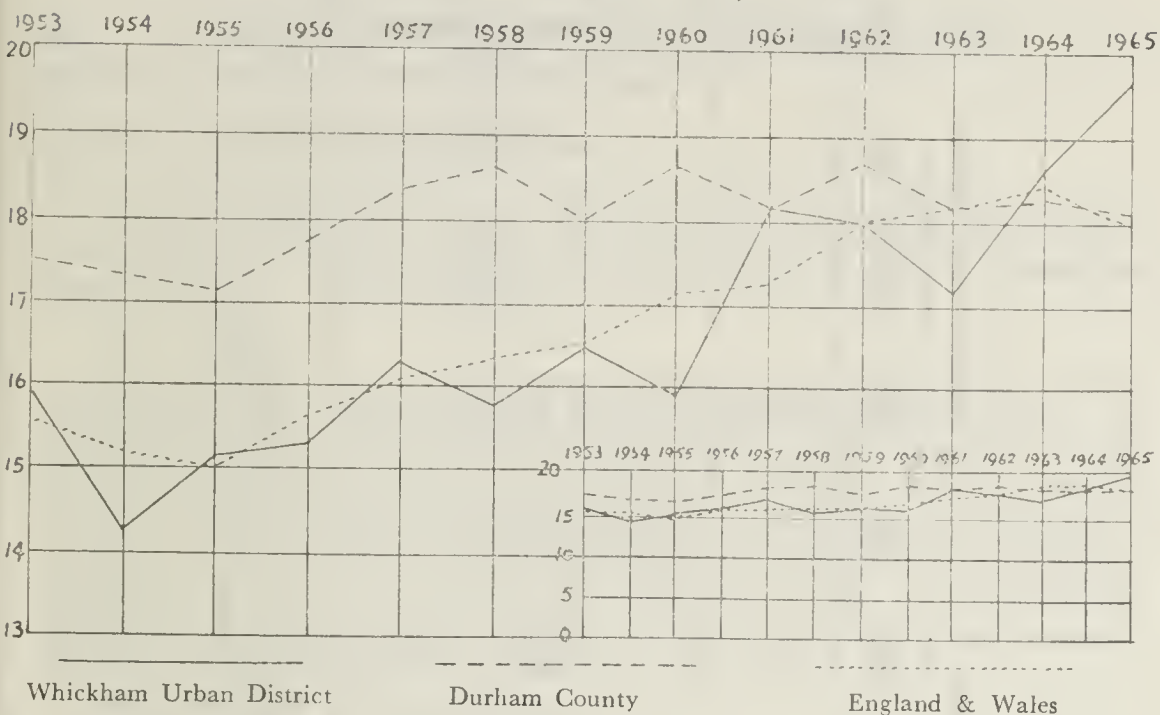
Number of deaths .....	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	0·00

The natural population increase for the year, i.e., the excess of births over deaths, was 285.

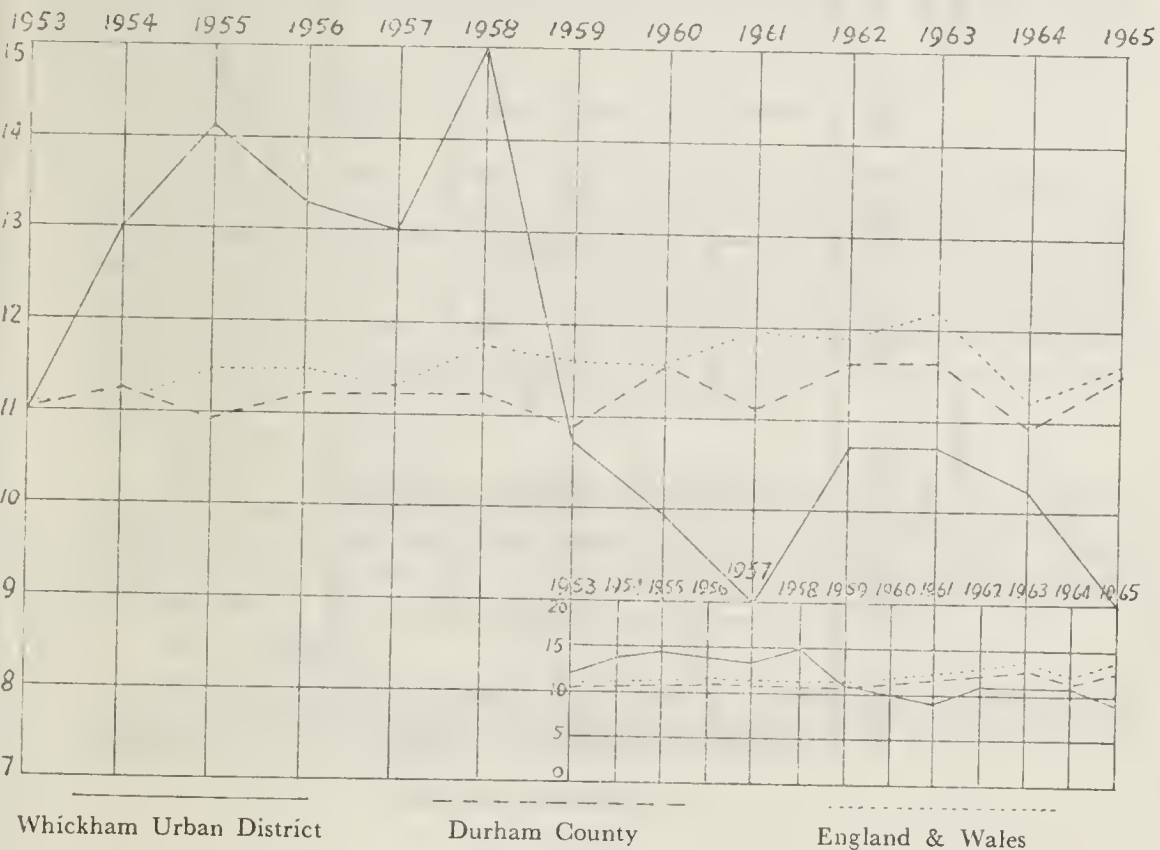
**THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S SHORT LIST OF CAUSES OF  
DEATH DURING 1965.**

CAUSES OF DEATH		MALES	FEMALES	Total
1	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	—	—
2	Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—
3	Syphilitic Disease ...	—	—	—
4	Diphtheria ...	—	—	—
5	Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—
6	Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—
8	Measles ...	—	—	—
9	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	—	—	—
10	Malignant Neoplasm-Stomach ...	7	2	9
11	Malignant Neoplasm-Lung and Bronchus ...	15	1	16
12	Malignant Neoplasm-Breast ...	—	7	7
13	Malignant Neoplasm-Uterus ...	—	1	1
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	19	7	26
15	Leukaemia and Aleukaemia ...	1	—	1
16	Diabetes ...	2	2	4
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System ...	17	17	34
18	Coronary Disease, Angina ...	37	25	62
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	1	—	1
20	Other Heart Diseases ...	4	14	18
21	Other Circulatory Diseases ...	3	1	4
22	Influenza ...	1	1	2
23	Pneumonia ...	8	3	11
24	Bronchitis ...	13	4	17
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	2	1	3
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	2	1	3
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	1	—	1
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	—	—	—
29	Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	1	—	1
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ...	—	—	—
31	Congenital Malformations ...	1	—	1
32	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ...	6	6	12
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	1	2	3
34	All Other Accidents ...	3	1	4
35	Suicide ...	1	—	1
36	Homicide and Operations of War ...	—	—	—
TOTALS		146	96	242

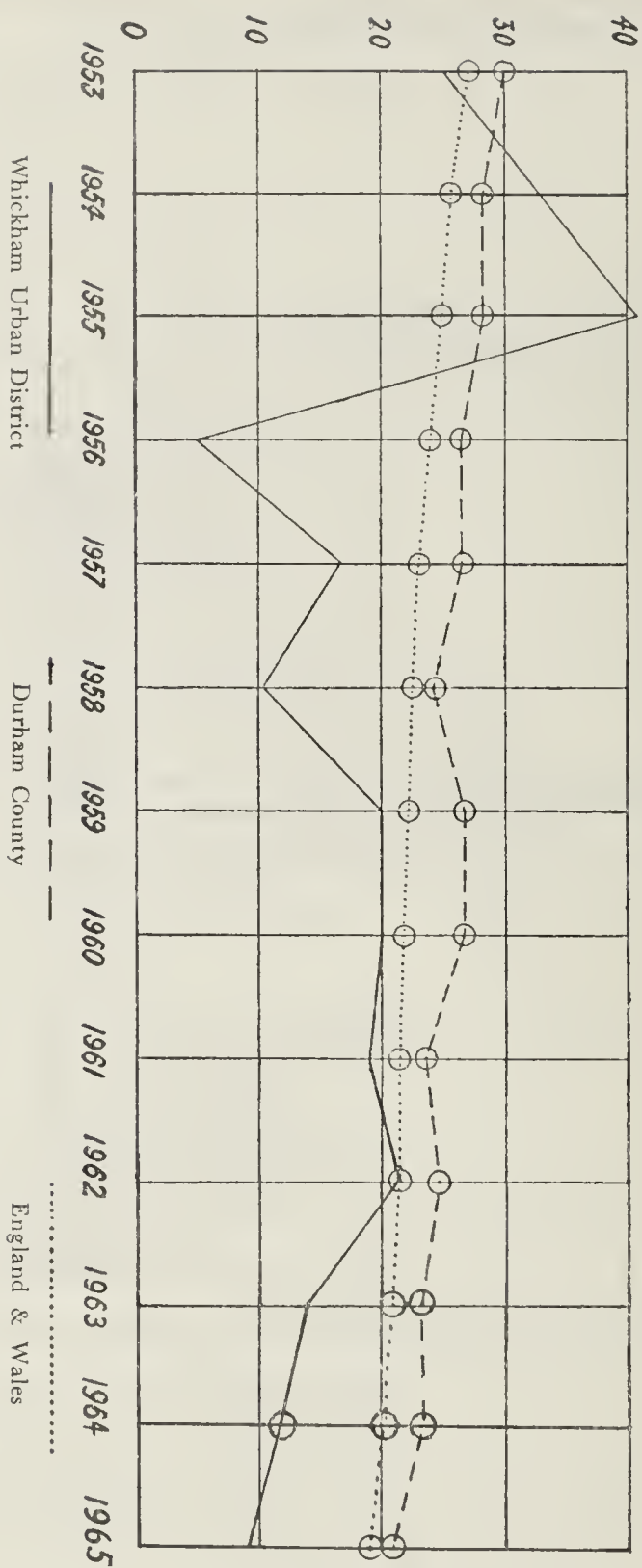
Graph comparing Crude Birth Rates for WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT, DURHAM COUNTY, ENGLAND AND WALES yearly since 1953.



Graph comparing Crude Death Rates for WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT, DURHAM COUNTY, ENGLAND AND WALES yearly since 1953.



Graph comparing Infant Mortality Rates for WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT,  
DURHAM COUNTY, ENGLAND & WALES yearly since 1953.





### **III. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES.**

#### **NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.**

##### **Hospital and Specialist Services Provision**

##### **(1) Hospital Services.**

Hospital facilities for the District are provided by the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board through the North-West Durham and Gateshead Hospital Management Committees.

##### **(a) General.**

The Royal Victoria Infirmary and the Newcastle General Hospital, Newcastle, the Bensham General and the Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, Gateshead, receive the majority of medical and surgical cases from the District. Some cases are also referred to and treated at the Hexham General Hospital as convenient. Hospital in-patient and out-patient treatment for suitable cases is also obtainable at the Dunston Hill Hospital; and the Whickham and District War Memorial Cottage Hospital undertakes the treatment of a limited number of medical and surgical cases. Lee Hill Hospital, Lanchester, has a bed capacity of 300 and caters for patients who are chronically sick, orthopaedic or geriatric in category. It also provides, under the National Assistance Act, Part III Accommodation for patients.

##### **(b) Midwifery and Gynaecology.**

The great majority of cases of this nature which require hospital treatment are sent either to the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle, the Bensham General or the Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, Gateshead, or the Richard Murray Hospital, Shotley Bridge.

##### **(c) Infectious Diseases.**

##### **(i) Tuberculosis.**

Provision is made for the hospital treatment of tuberculous patients in sanatoria throughout the counties of Durham and Northumberland. Normans Riding Infectious Diseases Hospital, Winlaton, is used as a sanatorium for both male and female patients. There is a Chest Clinic attached to the Whickham and District War Memorial Cottage Hospital where a Chest Physician attends and holds regular clinical sessions. Early diagnosis of such sufferers, and their admission to hospital promptly thereafter, has now been achieved resulting in a much improved prospect of recovery and complete cure.

##### **(ii) Venereal Diseases.**

Specialist treatment is available for these complaints at the Venereal Diseases Clinic, Newcastle General Hospital, where every effort is made to maintain secrecy and avoid attendance becoming generally known. General practitioners are able to refer patients to the Clinic for necessary investigation and treatment.

##### **(iii) Smallpox.**

Provision is made at Langley Park Isolation Hospital for the isolation and treatment of cases of smallpox which, should such occur in the District, would be admitted thereto promptly.

#### (iv) Other Infectious Diseases.

Cases of other infectious diseases requiring isolation are treated either at the Sheriff Hill Infectious Diseases Hospital, Gateshead, or the Walkergate Hospital, Newcastle.

#### (d) Mental Health.

The Lee Hill Hospital, Lanchester, provides 44 beds for the accommodation of the mentally sick.

Cases of acute or severe mental illness are normally admitted to St. Nicholas' Hospital, Newcastle. Less severe cases can also be received there for care and treatment.

#### (e) Convalescent Home.

The establishment situate in Ryton Urban District, formerly known as the Castle Hill Convalescent Home, is now styled the Country Branch Annexe of the Royal Victoria Infirmary. It is no longer strictly a convalescent home and does not admit patients directly but only for pre or post Royal Victoria Infirmary treatment. There are 95 beds, 50 for women patients and the remainder for men.

### (2) Laboratory Services.

The Public Health Laboratory Service for the District operates from the Public Health Laboratory, Pathological Institute, Newcastle General Hospital. By arrangement with the Durham County Council, all specimens for bacteriological examination are sent there by general practitioners, patients and Health Departments of the Local Authorities, and investigated and reported upon free of charge.

### (3) Blood Transfusion Service.

The Regional Blood Transfusion Service has its Headquarters in the Newcastle General Hospital. It provides all necessary service for this District. It has a Donor Panel Department which organises and maintains Blood Donor Panels in each locality. In this District, during 1965, sessions were held as under. The figures show the strength of the panel on the dates listed, also the number of donations which were received on those dates.

Name of Panel	Sessions Centre	Dates of Sessions	Strength of Panel	Attendance
Dunston and District	St. Nicholas' Parish Church Hall, King George Avenue	20th January	190	123
	Presbyterian Church and Vestry	27th July		102
Swalwell and District	Whickham Welfare Hall	20th July	104	68
Whickham and District		11th February	189	123
		13th August		97

### (4) Mass Miniature Radiography.

The Mass Radiography Unit which serves this District is Unit 1A,, which is based on the Newcastle General Hospital. A Mobile Unit visits Districts at times throughout the year and holds public sessions and sessions at industrial establishments. Although no industrial establishment in the District was visited, the Mobile Unit visited Redheugh Gas Works which is just outside the boundary. The statistics relating to this visit are given below.

Number of Miniature Films			Number referred to Chest Clinic		
M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
108	1	109	4	—	4

During 1966, it is expected that the Mass Radiography Unit will spend a week in No. 1 Health Area (Blaydon, Ryton and Whickham Urban Districts) holding public sessions. It is possible that industrial establishments will also be visited.

## Local Authority Provision

### (1) Local Health Authority.

The Local Health Authority for the Urban District is the Durham County Council which is responsible for the following Health Services :—

- (a) Health Centres
- (b) Maternity and Child Welfare
- (c) Midwifery
- (d) Health Visiting
- (e) Home Nursing
- (f) Vaccination and Immunisation
- (g) Ambulances
- (h) Prevention of Illness; Care and After-Care of sick persons
- (i) Home Help Service
- (j) Mental Health
- (k) Other Community Care Services
- (l) Central and Local Co-ordinating Committees
- (m) Health Education

#### (a) Health Centres.

There are, as yet, no Health Centres within the meaning of the Act in operation in the District.

#### (b) Maternity and Child Welfare.

Clinics, where mothers and children may attend for the treatment of minor ailments in school children, for dental and for sunray treatment, and for maternity and child welfare services, are provided by the Education and Health Departments of the Durham County Council at various Centres throughout the District. Welfare foods are also distributed at these Centres. Centres in the District, where treatment is provided and welfare foods supplied, have sessions as listed below.

Address of Centre		Sessions	
Dunston.	Hawthorne Lodge, Ellison Road	Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic	Monday afternoons, alternate Monday mornings & alternate Friday afternoons
		Distribution of Welfare Foods	Monday afternoons, alternate Monday mornings & alternate Friday afternoons
Sunniside.	Methodist Schoolroom,	Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic	Alternate Tuesday mornings
		Distribution of Welfare Foods	Alternate Tuesday mornings
Whickham.	Community Centre, Front Street,	Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic	Tuesday afternoons & alternate Tuesday mornings
		Distribution of Welfare Foods	Tuesday afternoons

Assistant Welfare Medical Officers attend certain sessions at Centres, information regarding which can be obtained at the appropriate Centre.

On the stated days, the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics are open from 9-30—12 noon and from 1-30—4 p.m.; and the Centres for the distribution of Welfare Foods from 10 a.m.—12 noon and 2—4 p.m.

### (c) Midwifery.

An expectant mother can have the services of any doctor who undertakes maternity work as part of the General Practitioner Service organised by the Durham Executive Council. Ante-natal and post-natal care are available at Local Health Authority Clinics. A domiciliary midwifery service is also provided. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the District Midwives are given below.

Ward	Name	Address	Tel. No.
Whickham ) Marley Hill ).... Sunniside )	Mrs. J. A. Brown	6, Bowness Road, Whickham	Whickham 88-7694
Whickham ....	Mrs. M. M. Hall	The Beeches, Dunston Bank, Dunston	Dunston 60-4361
Dunston ....	Mrs. E. Pearson	36, Braeside, Whickham Hill Estate, Dunston	Dunston 60-4869

171 births in the District were notified by District Midwives during the year.

### (d) Health Visiting.

Health Visitors attend persons in their homes for the purpose of giving advice to aged or ill persons, to advise expectant and nursing mothers on the care of young children, and to stress the measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection. The names and addresses, and telephone numbers as available, of the District Health Visitors and the number and types of domiciliary visits carried out in the District are given below.

Ward	Name	Address	Tel. No.
Swalwell ) Parts of Dunston ).... and Whickham ) (until 30th Sept.)	Miss U. Elliott	35, Barlow Lane, Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne	Blaydon 3204
Byermoor, Marley ) Hill, Sunniside, ) . . Parts of ) Whickham )	Miss G. Moore	10, The Briars, Castletown, Sunderland	
Dunston	Mrs. S. Wenington	1, Woodview, Chopwell	Chopwell 359

#### Domiciliary Visits

Maternity and Child Welfare .....	5,085
Tuberculosis .....	139
Mentally Sub-normal .....	102
Schools .....	256
General Health .....	170
Aged People .....	544

Total — 6,296

### (e) Home Nursing.

A Home Nursing Service is provided as the responsibility of the Local Health



Authority. Any requests for the services of a Home Nurse should be made to the Superintendent of Home Nursing at County Hall, Durham (Tel. No. Durham 4411); or to one of the District Nurses whose names, addresses and telephone numbers are listed below.

Ward		Name	Address	Tel. No.
Dunston	....	Mrs. L. Hanson	13, Horsley Gardens, Dunston	Dunston 60-5048
		Mrs. J. Robinson	Sherburn Cottage, 27, Grange Lane, Whickham	Whickham 88-7129
Sunniside	...	Miss F. Grundy	7, Broadpool Terrace, Whickham	Whickham 88-7631
Whickham	....	Mrs. E. M. Hill	21, Broom Lane, Whickham	Whickham 88-7377

10,293 visits were made by District Nurses during the year.

#### (f) Vaccination and Immunisation.

Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus may be obtained free of charge on application at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres or from any General Medical Practitioner in the National Health Service.

Immunisation against poliomyelitis is available, free of charge, for all unprotected persons under forty years of age and not less than six months old on the date of application, for all expectant mothers and for certain other specified persons, on application to General Medical Practitioners, to the County Health Department in Durham, to the Assistant County Medical Officer for the Area or at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. Sessions are also arranged at clinics in the District where eligible persons may receive such protection. Protection is now preponderantly by oral vaccine although immunisation is still available by injection.

Yearly schemes are arranged by the Assistant County Medical Officer for the immunisation at school of school children against diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis.

Vaccination against smallpox may be obtained free of charge on application to any General Medical Practitioner who has agreed to give service within the National Health Service General Practitioner Service; and, for children, also at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis may be carried out, in appropriate circumstances, by the Chest Physician at the Chest Clinic at Whickham. The vaccination with B.C.G. of all non-immune school children over eleven years is carried out yearly by the Assistant County Medical Officer for the Area.

Statistics of immunisations and vaccinations carried out in the District are given in Part IV of this Report.

#### (g) Ambulance Service.

The Durham County Council Health Department controls and provides the ambulance facilities for the Administrative County.

All requests for an ambulance should be made to the Message Receiving Centre at the Ambulance Headquarters Control, Framwellgate Moor, Durham (Tel. No. Durham 3426) which is responsible for such service to the No. 1 Health Area. The Centre is open for message reception for 24 hours a day, but its telephone number will be changed, as from the 2nd February, 1966, to Durham 4488.

A General Service Sub-Depot at Winlaton deals, on instruction from Durham, with routine work of the service from 8-0 a.m. to 8-0 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and from 8-0 a.m. to 4-0 p.m. on Saturdays.

Details of the work carried out in respect of No. 1 Health Area are given below:—

Stretcher Cases	Sitting Cases	Journeys	Miles
1,577	19,175	3,588	107,341

**(h) Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care of Sick Persons.**

Nursing equipment for sick persons is provided, by Durham County Council, on request through General Medical Practitioners, District Nurses or Hospital Almoners. Invalid chairs are also available; and extra nourishment or bedding can be supplied to patients suffering from tuberculosis. A charge is normally made for these services but, in certain circumstances, the charge may be reduced or waived altogether.

The under-listed items of equipment can be so supplied.

Adult Cots	Chairs (Push)	Fracture Boards
Air Rings	Chairs (Junior Push)	Junior Spinal Carriages
Bed Cages	Chairs (Rim-Driven)	Leg Rests
Bed Packs	Commodore	Lifting Poles
Bedpans	Dunlopillo Cushions	Mattresses (Sorbo)
Bedrests	Enuresis Sets	Rubber Sheeting
Bedsteads (Iron)		Urinals

Equipment was received by 104 residents in the District during 1965.

Limited accommodation is available in convalescent homes provided by voluntary agencies and by the County Council; information regarding this can be obtained from the County Health Department. Domiciliary visits are made to patients at home by Health Visitors and District Nurses.

**Chiropody Service.**

As part of its responsibilities as the Local Health Authority for the District, the County Council finances the Chiropody Service run by the Old People's Welfare Committee. The actual chiropody treatment is carried out by fully qualified chiropodists and all residents of pensionable age are eligible for this service should they require it. Details of this service are set out on page 20.

**(i) Home Help Services.**

Domestic help is provided for households where such help is needed because of the presence of any person who is an expectant mother, lying-in, ill, aged or a child not over school age. Requests for the services of a Home Help can be made to the Assistant Organiser for the District, Mrs. Peacock, 12 Ravensworth Terrace, Dunston, who was appointed on 9th August, 1965. Anyone wishing to contact her can do so at her home (Tel. No. Dunston 604870) or leave a message for her at Durham 4411, Ext. 378.

Mrs. Lawther, who was Area Assistant Home Help Organiser until 9th August, is now responsible for such services in Blaydon and Ryton Urban Districts only.

Details of work undertaken by the Home Help Service in No. 1 Health Area during the year are given below.

Number of cases at 1-1-65 .....	439
New cases served during the year .....	312
Total number of cases served during the year .....	751
Cases terminated during the year .....	182
Cases served at 31-12-65 .....	569
Number of Home Helps employed at 31-12-65 .....	345
Visits made by Assistant Organisers during year .....	4,712



### (j) Mental Health.

Under the Mental Health Act, 1959, the Local Health Authority is responsible for domiciliary supervision, care and after-care, of the mentally sick and the educationally subnormal.

An Adult Residential Training Centre for the Educationally Subnormal of the County is situated at Lanchester. Residents live-in from Monday to Friday of each week, returning home at the week-end.

For non-adults, a similar but non-residential Junior Training Centre is established at Consett. There is also, at Gateshead, a Day Centre for the Educationally Subnormal which can be attended by residents from Whickham, Dunston and Swalwell. There are two such Centres, the Junior Training Centre for boys and girls under sixteen years, and the Senior Training Centre for older boys.

Additionally, some children in No. 1 Health Area continue to attend daily the Training Centre at the Prudhoe and Monkton Hospital, Prudhoe.

Statistics are given below of the number of residents from this District being supervised or cared for by County Council staff as a responsibility under this Act.

No. of Persons registered as Mentally Subnormal	No. of Persons under Supervision	No. of Persons in Hospitals
78	47	31

### (k) Other Community Care Services.

The names, addresses, telephone numbers and scope of duties of the various Field Officers for these Services, are set out below.

#### Home Teacher of the Blind

Name and Address	Nature of Duties
Miss J. Coulthard, 10. Ravensworth Tce., Dunston, Gateshead, 11.	Domiciliary visiting of blind and partially sighted persons.

#### Mental Welfare Officers

Name and Address	Tel. No.	Nature of Duties
Mr. W. M. A. Thomson, 20, Ardrossan, Wentworth Park Estate, Ouston	Birtley 2561	Removal of mentally ill patients to hospital under Mental Health Act 1959. Supervision of subnormal persons, mainly adult males. After-care of mentally ill persons.
Miss S. V. Kelly, Health Department, County Hall, Durham.	Durham 4411 (Ext. 375) Stanley 2683	Responsible for supervision of certain subnormal and psychiatric cases and distribution of Section 57 (Exclusion from School) letters.

(The Mental Welfare Officers may be contacted at their own homes between 9—10 a.m. and 4—5 p.m; if not available, a message may be left at Durham 4411 Ext. 372).

#### Social Workers

Name and Address	Tel. No.	Nature of Duties
Mrs. E. S. Elliott, Area Health Office, Council Chambers, Chester-le-Street	Chester-le-Street 2242 (Until 9-30 each morning except Tuesdays when in County Hall)	Casework in respect of handicapped persons, some problem families and evictions.
Mr. A. Robertson, Area Health Office, Council Chambers, Chester-le-Street	"	"

## Area Children's Officer

Name and Address  
Miss M. Bloomfield  
11, Station Road, Stanley.

Tel. No.  
Stanley 2792

## Child Care Officers

To be contacted at Stanley 2792  
Mr. S. Adair  
Mrs. F. Gordon  
Mrs. V. Graham  
Mr. K. Grimes  
Mr. S. Horswill

To be contacted at Houghton-le-Spring 3210  
Mrs. C. P. Bowers  
Miss A. E. Kidd  
Mr. J. F. McLean  
Miss A. Smith  
Miss M. Wheldon

### (1) Central and Local Co-ordinating Committees.

The above Committees, the setting-up of which was recorded in my previous Report, continued to meet at regular intervals; and the Assistant County Medical Officer for each District acted as Chairman of the appropriate Local Committee.

During the year 1965, three meetings of the No. 1 Health Area Local Co-ordinating Committee were held. The under-listed voluntary organisations were represented.

British Red Cross Society  
Community Centres  
Old People's Welfare Committees  
St. John Ambulance Brigade  
Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence

These meetings were well attended and it is felt that they served a very useful purpose in making known to the different organisations the scope of work undertaken by each, thereby determining how such voluntary work could most usefully cover the needs of the Area.

### (m) Health Education.

Under the Public Health Act, 1936, Local Health and Local Sanitary Authorities have power to arrange programmes of health education within their area of jurisdiction. Additionally, Local Health Authorities are further authorised in this respect in various sections of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

No special development in this direction has yet taken place but, as in previous years, Ministry and Central Council for Health Education posters and pamphlets have been distributed widely to appropriate organisations for display on the premises and distribution to staff. This has particularly applied to food hygiene and anti-smoking publications. It has still not been possible to arrange a visit to the Area of the Mobile Team of the Central Council for Health Education referred to in my Report last year but it is hoped that progress in this matter will not be long delayed.

### (2) Local Sanitary Authority.

The Local Sanitary Authority for the Urban District is the District Council, and the work carried out by the District Health Department is discussed in detail later in the Report.

#### (a) Meals on Wheels.

A Meals on Wheels Service, sponsored by this Council with financial assistance jointly from the District and County Councils and run by the Whickham Branch of the Women's Voluntary Service, was commenced in 1963 and, at the beginning of

this year, catered for meals for 36 recipients. By the end of the year, the number of recipients had risen to 72, 24 of whom had hot meals delivered three times per week and the remainder twice per week. The co-operation and invaluable work of the Women's Voluntary Service in running the service and the supply of the necessary meals from both British Paints Ltd., Dunston, and Wimpey's Ltd., Dunston, have been and are greatly appreciated.

#### **(b) Old People's Welfare Committee.**

This Committee continued to hold meetings monthly in the Council Chamber and excellent and most praiseworthy progress was made in the further development of welfare services generally. This Committee is an active body and it is very pleasing to report that two Luncheon Clubs and three Chiropody Clinics were fully functional at the end of 1965, while two further Luncheon Clubs (at Swalwell and Marley Hill) and one further Chiropody Clinic (at Marley Hill) will be started during the coming year. This Committee has not confined itself solely to Luncheon Clubs and Chiropody, but is undertaking other forms of community welfare activities wherever needed. The Luncheon Clubs receive some financial support, as found necessary, from both the District and County Councils. But it is found that the Clubs can themselves be self-supporting at the charge made for each meal, once the initial capital expenses have been met. Funds for such expenses are often raised through the activities of this and other voluntary organisations.

##### **(i) Luncheon Clubs.**

Details of the activities at each of the Clubs opened in 1965 are given below.

Centre	Date of Opening	Number on Register	Number of Sessions per week	Average attendance per Session
Dunston	11-3-65	48	1	43
Watergate, Whickham	13-10-65	37	1	35

##### **(ii) Chiropody.**

Details of the Chiropody Clinics opened in 1965 are given below.

Centre	Date of Opening	Number on Register	Number of Sessions per week	Average attendance per Session
Dunston	27-7-65	112	2	9
Swalwell	29-7-65	87	2	9
Whickham	22-2-65	112	2	9

#### **(c) General Welfare.**

Since the appointment of the Housing and Welfare Officer on the 11th January, 1965, general welfare activities in the District have been very considerably increased. This Officer made many domiciliary and other visits and interviewed numerous members of the community in connection with problems relating to pensions, national assistance, domestic troubles, housing and rents. These latter problems included private housing, hostel accommodation, homeless persons not eligible for Council re-housing, and others of a more varied character. Many people have thereby been helped in a practical way. A very good relationship on welfare matters has been established with the County Council and National Assistance Board.

#### **Executive Council Provision.**

The Durham Executive Council is responsible for the provision of the General Medical and Dental, the Pharmaceutical and the Supplementary Ophthalmic Services for the District. Medical practices in the District are largely partnerships of two or more doctors.

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1963.

The Co-ordinating Committees dealing with children neglected in their homes, which were re-named Family Case Conferences last year, continued to meet four-monthly. For the year 1965, your Medical Officer of Health, as Assistant County Medical Officer for this Area, presided as Chairman in accordance with previous agreement.

The statistics of the District work undertaken throughout 1965 are given below.

Number of families under discussion on 1st January, 1965	Number of fam- ilies added to agenda	Number of families on which discussion closed	Number of families remaining for discussion
—	3	1	2

## EDUCATION ACT, 1944.

### Local Authority.

The Durham County Council is the Local Education Authority for the Urban District.

### School Health Services.

The School Health Services are provided by the County Council. These are the responsibility of the County Medical Officer who, as Principal School Medical Officer, carries out the requirements of the Act through his Deputy and staff. The services provide for systematic medical inspection by routine attendances at schools of a School Medical Officer, and for the medical and dental treatment of school children. Special School Clinics have been built—often a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre functions in the same building—where a School Medical Officer attends on a sessional basis.

When a child is found at medical examination to require specialist examination or treatment, arrangements are made, with the agreement of the parents and the family doctor, for the child to attend the appropriate hospital or clinic. Facilities are provided at school clinics for the treatment of minor ailments, defective vision, dental and speech defects. Special schools are provided for handicapped children who are educationally subnormal or delicate. When necessary, arrangements are made for other handicapped children to be placed in special schools maintained by other Authorities.

## HOUSING ACTS, 1924-1957.

### Aged Persons Accommodation.

Under the Housing Acts 1924-1957, the Council has provided 189 one-bedroomed premises of which 82 are bungalows and the remaining 107 are ground floor flats. In addition, some 25 aged persons are housed in first floor bed-sitting flats.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-1951.

### Section 21—Provision of Residential Accommodation.

Hostel accommodation is provided by the County in No. 1 Health Area at :—

Winton House, Parkhead Estate, Winlaton.	Tel. No. Blaydon	2900.
"The Hermitage", Front Street, Whickham.	Tel. No. Whickham	887372.
Derwentdale House, Ryton.	Tel. No. Ryton	2009.



The hostel at Ryton was opened for the reception of residents on the 19th August, 1965. It provides 45 beds and housed 40 residents, 17 male and 23 female, at the end of 1965.

Residents requiring such type of accommodation can be admitted also to any of the County Hostels throughout Durham County. Information regarding these can be obtained from the Assistant County Medical Officer.

At the end of the year, 16 residents of the District, 9 males and 7 females, were accommodated in Residential Part III Accommodation.

#### **Section 47—Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention.**

Although the Council are authorised under these Acts, in certain cases, to apply for compulsory powers to remove persons in need of care and attention, in most cases people are anxious to remain in their own homes. It has not been found necessary during this year to take such action. While there is increasing evidence of persons who are aged, infirm, living alone and in need of some degree of assistance, with the co-operation of the Home Help Service and the Welfare Department of the Local Health Authority, and of the National Assistance Board, it has been possible to effect improvement in the welfare of these persons in their homes or by admission to Part III Accommodation on a voluntary basis. As a result, recourse to compulsory powers is rarely needed.

#### **Section 50—Burial and Cremation of the Dead.**

No action was necessary under this part of the Act.

# IV. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

## PREVALENCE

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year was 508 as compared with 198 in 1964.

Table comparing numbers of notifications during the years 1964 and 1965.

DISEASE	NO. OF CASES 1964				NO. OF CASES 1965			
	Notified			Confirmed by Laboratory	Notified			Confirmed by Laboratory
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total	
Scarlet Fever ... ..	18	16	34	—	16	34	50	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	4	9	13	—	11	7	18	—
Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ... ..	65	55	120	—	229	196	425	—
Acute Pneumonia ... ..	1	—	1	—	3	—	3	—
Meningo-coccal Infection ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Dysentery ... ..	5	7	12	12	2	—	2	2
Typhoid Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food poisoning ... ..	3	1	4	4	2	—	2	2
Tuberculosis, Respiratory, ...	10	2	12	12	1	6	7	7
"    , Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
"    , Other Forms ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ... ..	107	91	198	28	264	244	508	11



### Incidence of Principal Infectious Diseases since 1956

Year	Scarlet Fever		Diphtheria		Typhoid and Paratyphoid		Measles		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis	
	Cases Notified	Deaths	Cases Notified	Deaths	Cases Notified	Deaths	Cases Notified	Deaths	Cases Notified	Deaths	Cases Notified	Deaths
1956	134	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	61	—	42	4
1957	97	—	—	—	—	—	286	—	40	—	24	4
1958	8	—	—	—	—	—	54	—	141	—	19	2
1959	77	—	—	—	—	—	462	—	26	—	17	5
1960	39	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	27	—	12	1
1961	12	—	—	—	—	—	629	—	10	—	13	1
1962	3	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	7	—	15	2
1963	11	—	—	—	—	—	539	—	8	—	9	1
1964	34	—	—	—	—	—	120	—	13	—	12	1
1965	50	—	—	—	—	—	425	—	18	—	7	—

**TABLE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1965**  
**SHOWING MONTHLY AND WARD DISTRIBUTIONS**

Diseases	MONTHS												Totals	WARDS			
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		Dunston	Swalwell	Wickham	Marley Hill
Scarlet Fever	2	12	11	6	2	—	4	—	4	2	2	5	50	46	—	4	—
Whooping Cough	5	4	2	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	7	—	7	4
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	33	66	153	24	3	3	3	17	14	40	68	1	425	189	17	171	48
Acute Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	—	1	—
Meningo-coccal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	1	—	—
Tuberculosis :	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory	—	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	7	4	2	1	—
Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	41	83	167	36	10	3	8	17	19	42	73	9	508	252	20	184	52

**TABLE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES**  
**SHOWING AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION DURING 1965**

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified	AGE GROUP										
		Under 1 year	1 — 2 years	3 — 4 years	5 — 9 years	10 — 14 years	15 — 19 years	20 — 24 years	25 — 44 years	45 — 64 years	Over 65 years	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever .....	50	1	3	13	31	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	18	3	7	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .....	425	22	105	160	135	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia .....	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Meningo-coccal Infection .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Dysentery .....	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning .....	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis:												
Respiratory .....	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	2	—
Meninges & C.N.S. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	508	27	115	174	170	6	7	2	4	1	2	—

### Scarlet Fever.

50 cases of scarlet fever were notified.

The policy of home treatment of this disease has continued where satisfactory isolation arrangements were possible. When hospital isolation has been considered necessary, this has always been possible to arrange by admission to Sheriff Hill Infectious Diseases Hospital.

### Diphtheria.

For the seventeenth year in succession, no cases of diphtheria were notified.

### Poliomyelitis.

No cases of poliomyelitis were notified during 1965, the last notification being in 1955.

**Smallpox.**

No cases of smallpox have been notified since 1931.

**Dysentery.**

2 cases of dysentery were notified this year as against 12 in 1964. These were of the mild Sonne type. A close check was kept on each case and contacts.

**Typhoid Fever.**

No cases of typhoid fever have been notified since 1938.

**Paratyphoid Fever.**

Apart from an unconfirmed case of paratyphoid in 1955, there have been no cases notified since 1952.

**Food Poisoning.**

2 cases of Salmonella Heidelberg were notified. Routine investigations were carried out to determine the source of infection but without success.

**Tuberculosis.**

7 cases of tuberculosis were notified, all were respiratory. 15 respiratory cases were transferred into the District. The detailed figures are shown in Tables A and B.

It was not necessary to take any action under Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, with regard to the employment in dairies of persons suffering from tuberculosis; nor was action necessary under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Table A—Cases Notified during 1964 and 1965 (including inward transfers).

Year		Total	Dunston	Whickham	Swalwell	Marley Hill
1965	Respiratory	22(15)	10(6)	3(1)	9(8)	—
	Non-Respiratory	—	—	—	—	—
	Totals	22(15)	10(6)	3(1)	9(8)	—
1964	Totals	24(12)	9(2)	10(8)	2(1)	3(1)

Table B—Age group distribution of new cases notified (including inward transfers) :—

Age Periods	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	—	—	—	—
5 — 14	—	—	—	—
15 — 24	3(3)	5(3)	—	—
25 — 34	2(1)	4(3)	—	—
35 — 44	—	—	—	—
45 — 54	2(2)	2(1)	—	—
55 — 64	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	2	—	—
Age not known	2(2)	—	—	—
Totals	9(8)	13(7)	—	—

( ) shows number of inward transfers.

Table C—Comparative Table of Registered Tuberculosis Sufferers.

Sex	No. of cases of Tuberculosis on Register at commencement of year 1965.		No. of cases of Tuberculosis on Register at end of year 1965	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
Male	75	8	67	8
Female	54	6	62	6
Totals	129	14	129	14

Table D—Removals from the Tuberculosis Register during 1965.

Reasons.	Totals	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
Removed from District	2	2	—	—	—
Recovered ...	15	10	5	—	—
Deceased ...	5	5	—	—	—
Totals	22	17	5	—	—

CONTROL.

Below are given statistics and information of the measures which have been taken for the protection, of residents in the District, against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Tuberculosis.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

Protection against each of these infections can be given separately or jointly, and details of the work undertaken through health services in this District are given below.

Diphtheria.

General Practitioner, and Child Welfare (L.A.), Services.					
Children born in .....	1958-61	1962	1963	1964	1965
Primary .....	5	3	21	258	113
Boosters .....	125	14	78	22	—
Area Health (L.A.) Services (in Schools).					
Children born in .....	1958-61	1962	1963	1964	1965
Primary .....	34	—	—	—	—
Boosters .....	145	—	—	—	—

Whooping Cough.

General Practitioner, and Child Welfare (L.A.), Services.					
Children born in .....	1958-61	1962	1963	1964	1965
Primary .....	7	3	21	252	113
Boosters .....	33	14	74	19	—

Tetanus.

General Practitioner, and Child Welfare (L.A.), Services.					
Children born in .....	1958-61	1962	1963	1964	1965
Primary .....	32	3	21	258	113
Boosters .....	133	14	78	22	—
Area Health (L.A.) Services (in Schools).					
Children born in .....	1958-61	1962	1963	1964	1965
Primary .....	34	—	—	—	—
Boosters .....	89	—	—	—	—

Poliomyelitis.

Details of the number of primary vaccinations and boosters given during the year 1965 are as shown below.

Primary Vaccinations (Injections and Oral).

Salk (Injections).

1 primary course and 1 booster dose were given.

Sabin (Oral).

455 primary courses and 513 booster doses or oral vaccine were given.



### Smallpox.

Details of the number of vaccinations and re-vaccinations given during 1965 are given below.

#### Primary Vaccination

Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2-4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	15 yrs. or over	Total
13	191	10	3	9	226

#### Re-Vaccination

Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2-4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	15 yrs. or over	Total
—	—	—	3	22	25

### Tuberculosis.

#### B.C.G. Vaccination.

Details of the programmes of B.C.G. vaccination carried out by the Area Health Services in schools in 1965 are given below.

	No. Vaccinated	No. Heaf Positive	Non- Consents	Total in Age Group
Whickham Modern .....	76	16	10	122
Dunston Hill Modern .....	69	14	9	111
Burnopfield Roman Catholic ....	6	1	1	12
	<hr/> 151	<hr/> 31	<hr/> 20	<hr/> 245

# V.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

### 1. Water Supply

The Dunston, Swalwell and the greater part of the Whickham Wards are supplied by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company and the Marley Hill Ward by the Durham County Water Board.

All dwelling houses in the District are supplied by direct mains.

The mains water is of good quality, the supply being continuous and plentiful. 17 samples were taken by the Department for bacteriological examination, all but 2 samples being found to be satisfactory. Further samples were submitted in respect of the unsatisfactory samples which were subsequently found to be satisfactory.

The following are details of the houses and population supplied :—

Houses supplied by direct mains ..... 9,332

Population supplied by direct mains ..... 26,990

I am indebted to The Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company and Durham County Water Board for reports, the substance of which appear below.

#### The Newcastle and Gateshead Water Co.

A total of 1,233 works control samples from the Whittle Dene and Henderson Filters were examined in the Company's Laboratory during the calendar year ended 31st December, 1965, and, of these, 98·94% were excellent. In addition to the foregoing, 216 samples of water from the Warkworth Filter Plant were examined, all of which were of excellent quality.

The following new mains were laid in the Urban District during the period :—

1,654 linear yards of 4" diameter pipes

7 linear yards of 6" diameter pipes

475 linear yards of 8" diameter pipes

8,398 dwelling houses in the District are supplied by the Company.

#### Durham County Water Board.

Below are details of water supplies classified according to the type of premises and whether domestic or on meter :—

	Domestic	Meters	Total
Dwelling Houses .....	893	30	923
Premises used partly as dwelling accommodation and partly for other purposes .....	7	4	11

Details, of classification and percentage number in each class, of water samples taken by the Board are given below.

#### Bacteriological Samples

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Total
6	2	nil	nil	8
75%	25%	—	—	—

The work carried out in the Urban District has been in connection with the usual extension of mains required for housing development. Work on the new Honey Hill Treatment Works is still progressing. These works, when completed, will supply water to Whickham Urban District.

**2. Rivers and Streams.**

No formal action under this heading was needed during the year.

**3. Closet Accommodation.**

By virtue of grants approved within the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, some dwelling houses now have more than one water-closet.

The following table summarises closet accommodation.

Increase or Decrease during the Year

Sanitary Accommodation	Number at 1-1-65	By Conversion	By Improvement	By New Premises	Discontinued Premises Demolished, etc.	Increase	Number at 31-12-65
Waterclosets	9,583	—	+35	+300	-28	307	9,890
Ashclosets	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Ashpit privies	24	—	—	—	-1	—	23

**4. Collection and Disposal of Refuse**

The collection and disposal of household and trade refuse is organised so as to enable a collection to be made from all premises at least once weekly.

The estimated weight of refuse collected during the year was approximately 18,100 tons; this represented 36·7 cwts. per 1,000 population per day.

A scheme came into operation in which new Council and Private houses were provided with paper sacks instead of the conventional dust bin. By the end of the year, 470 houses were included in the scheme.

All refuse is disposed of by tipping at Swalwell, the average haul being 2 miles.

**5. Drainage and Sewerage**

Some flooding still occurs in low areas after very heavy storms. The construction of new dwellings has added to the load already carried by the system but, following the completion of the off-site sewer to the Whickham Grange Estate, further flooding should be prevented in that area.

Most of the sewage is discharged, untreated, directly into the rivers Derwent and Tyne.

## 6. Atmospheric Pollution.

### (a) Measurement.

Readings were taken at both recording stations during the year. These recording stations are situated at the Chase Park, Whickham, and the Dunston Depot.

#### Deposit Gauge Readings — 1965

Months	Gauge	Deposit in Total Insoluble	Tons per Square Total Soluble	Mile Total Solids
January	Chase Park .....	5.47	5.89	11.36
	Dunston Depot .....	12.64	9.22	21.86
February	Chase Park .....	4.79	4.69	9.48
	Dunston Depot .....	9.97	11.83	21.80
March	Chase Park .....	5.27	5.48	10.75
	Dunston Depot .....	13.62	8.51	22.13
April	Chase Park .....	7.87	4.31	12.18
	Dunston Depot .....	13.89	6.35	20.24
May	Chase Park .....	9.38	6.23	15.61
	Dunston Depot .....	11.62	6.79	18.41
June	Chase Park .....	3.87	4.24	8.11
	Dunston Depot .....	7.94	3.39	11.83
July	Chase Park .....	4.76	4.93	9.69
	Dunston Depot .....	10.17	4.73	14.90
August	Chase Park .....	4.82	4.52	9.34
	Dunston Depot .....	9.56	5.14	14.70
September	Chase Park .....	5.68	3.97	9.65
	Dunston Depot .....	10.54	6.69	17.23
October	Chase Park .....	3.53	3.08	6.61
	Dunston Depot .....	10.84	5.68	16.52
November	Chase Park .....	6.57	13.14	19.71
	Dunston Depot .....	16.63	20.37	37.00
December	Chase Park .....	6.23	3.83	10.06
	Dunston Depot .....	11.73	5.47	17.20

### (b) Domestic Smoke

At the beginning of the year, the Council declared the Whickham No. 4 Smoke Control Order, 1965, covering land at Fellside and Bagnalls, much of this land being owned and developed for housing by a private developer. When the Order is confirmed and comes into operation, occupiers of new houses being built in the area will have the benefit of a clean and healthy environment.

The Council continued to contribute towards clean air by fitting all Council houses built during the year with closed stoves, capable of burning the hard cokes, and gas warm air appliances.

#### **14. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.**

Very few instances of the emission of dark smoke were recorded. Such were due to mechanical faults or to the lighting up of furnaces from cold. As in previous years, a systematic check is kept on factory chimneys and an inspection is made of the boiler house when visits are made to factories.

#### **(d) Spoil Banks**

The spoil bank at Goodshields Haugh continues to be inspected at intervals but no complaints have been received of any nuisance from this waste.

#### **7. Noise Abatement**

Complaints were received about excessive noise from a scrap metal yard. The management of the firm co-operated by doing everything possible to lessen the noise and no further complaints have been received.

Several minor complaints were investigated and much has been done informally to lessen any nuisance.

#### **8. Moveable Dwellings and Caravan Sites.**

At the beginning of the year, the Council gave permission for a caravan site at the Old Bridge End, Swalwell. The site is unobtrusive and no more than three caravans are parked there at any one time. At the end of the year, only two caravans occupied the site.

Several other applications for permission to site moveable dwellings on land in the District were received; all were refused unless they were within the exempted classes.

#### **9. Offensive Trades**

No new offensive trades have been established. With the closure of the soap works, there are now no registered offensive trades in the District.

#### **10. Shops Act, 1950**

The Council is a Shops Act Authority.

24 visits were made for the purposes of the Act and to ensure that the statutory closing hours were observed; it was not found to be necessary to take any action during the year.

#### **11. Factories.**

51 inspections were made during the year; the work done under this heading is shown in the Appendix to this Report.

#### **12. Common Lodging Houses**

There are no common lodging houses in the District.

#### **13. Licensed Premises and Clubs**

These are listed in a register of food premises and were inspected regularly under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.



#### 14. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

##### (a) Rodent Control

No. of premises in the District .....	9,766
No. of premises inspected .....	141
No. of premises inspected and found to be infested with :—	
(a) Rats, major infestations .....	Nil
minor infestations .....	88
(b) Mice infestations .....	50

##### Premises Treated

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All Other (including business)	Agricultural
Rats .....	1	55	29	3
Mice .....	1	38	11	—
Total .....	2	93	40	3

Sewer treatments were carried out 4 times during the year.

	January	April	August	December
No. of manholes treated .....	82	155	81	172

##### (b) Insect Control

An insecticidal powder is issued to householders, free of charge, to deal with minor infestations, mainly of cockroaches; 13 persons took advantage of this service. Remedial measures were taken by this Department in cases of difficulty.

Infestations dealt with during the year were :—

Insect	Dwelling Houses	Other
Cockroach .....	41	4
Wasps .....	13	1
Ants .....	4	—

#### 15. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises.

Of a total number of 215 premises registered at the end of the year, 58 received a general inspection.

For the most part, matters requiring attention were of a minor nature, such as the provision of first-aid boxes, thermometers and information for employees. Quite a large number of the shops inspected were food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and many of the provisions had already been complied with.

Notices requesting the provision of 121 separate items were served under the relevant sections of the Act.

Class of Premises	Number of pre- mises registered during the year	Total number of registered pre- mises at end of year	Number of reg- istered premises receiving a gen- eral inspection during the year
Offices ....	5	46	
Retail shops ....	7	136	9
Wholesale shops, warehouses ....	1	2	48
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ....	—	31	—
Fuel storage depots ....	—	—	1
Totals	13	215	58

Number of visits by inspectors to all kinds of registered premises, 61.

### ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices ....	410
Retail shops ....	435
Wholesale shops, warehouses ....	15
Catering establishments open to the public ....	170
Canteens ....	—
Fuel storage depots ....	—
Total	1030
Total Males	422
Total Females	608

#### 16. Cinemas.

There are no cinemas in operation in the District.

#### 17. Swimming Baths.

The new Swimming Baths at Dunston were opened in July by Robert Woof, Esq. M.P., and they have proved to be very popular. Records of attendances are as follows:

Adults .....	29,028
Children .....	79,580
Spectators .....	21,341

Regular samples were taken of the bath water which, with the exception of the first sample from the small pool, were consistently good. The unsatisfactory result was due to a problem of circulation of the water in the small pool, but this has since been overcome.

Byelaws were made under Section 223 of the Public Health Act, 1936, regulating swimming baths under the control of the Local Authority.

**18. Disinfection of Houses.**

During the year, 6 houses were disinfected.

Disinfectant is issued free of charge in case of infectious disease. This was needed and issued on 14 occasions.

**19. Mortuaries.**

There are two mortuaries in the District, one situated in Dunston and one in Swalwell.

**20. Schools.**

Treatments were carried out at three schools following complaints of mice infestation.

A petition was received from the parents of some of the children attending a school stating that the sanitary conveniences were a danger to health. Several visits were made and, on each occasion, the sanitary conveniences were found to be clean and in a good state of repair.

**21. Recreation Grounds.**

Chase Park, Whickham, Dunston Park and Swalwell Park, add considerably to the amenities of the District; gardens, pavilions, bowling greens, tennis courts and children's playgrounds have been provided. The provision of these amenities made a notable contribution to the general health of the community.

**22. Riding Establishments.**

There is one licensed Riding Establishment in the District. Regular visits were made on behalf of the Council by a local Veterinary Surgeon.

## Summary of Sanitary Defects and Nuisances Remedied

	No. of Inspect- ions	No of Informal Notices served	No. of Statutory Notices served	Defects remedied after Notice	Legal Proceed- ings and General Remarks
Housing:—					
Public Health and Housing Acts	1914	35	2	54	—
Sanitary Conveniences:—					
Defective	28	7	—	4	—
Drainage	69	6	—	4	—
Water Supply	114	12	—	11	—
Food Premises	201	8	—	—	—
Shops Act	24	—	—	—	—
Private Slaughterhouses	97	—	—	—	—
Moveable Dwellings	17	—	—	—	—
Factories Act 1961	51	9	—	6	—
Keeping of Animals	16	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances/Clean Air Act 1956	129	—	—	—	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act,	123	—	—	—	—
Refuse Collection and Disposal	307	11	—	5	—
Infectious Diseases	116	—	—	—	—
House Purchase and Housing Act 1959	165	—	—	—	—
Dirty or Verminous Premises	48	6	—	3	—
Sampling	40	—	—	—	—
Noise Abatement Act 1960	18	—	—	—	—
Scrap Metal Dealers Act	6	—	—	—	—
Rent Acts	5	—	—	—	—
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	61	24	—	—	—
Totals	3549	118	2	87	—

## VI. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### 1. Milk and Milk Products.

This District is part of a specified area in which milk of special designations only may be sold.

#### Dairy Farms

The supervision of milk production, at the 14 dairy farms in the District, is undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

#### Dairies

There are no dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959.

#### Distributors and Retailers

The County Council are responsible for the licensing, and also undertake milk sampling, in respect of milk of special designation.

#### Milk Sampling

67 samples, of various designated milks, were taken by the Durham County Council Health Department from milk distributors, schools and hospitals in the District.

The following table shows the results of such tests :—

Class of Milk	No Taken	Appropriate Test	No. Passed	No. Failed
Untreated	6	Methylene Blue	5	1
		Animal Inoculation	2	1
		Antibiotic	3	—
Pasteurised	33	Methylene Blue	30	3
		Phosphatase	33	—
Sterilised	23	Turbidity	23	—

#### Disease from Milk

A sample of milk taken near the end of the year and reported upon in January 1966, was found to be affected by *Brucella Abortus*.

The milk supply came from a farm in Northumberland and all necessary action was taken by the Durham and Northumberland County Councils to stop the further sale of raw milk from this source until the herd was found to be free of disease.

#### Ice Cream

There is one licensed manufacturer in the District. The factory, which was visited regularly during the year, is a modern establishment.

Of the four samples of ice cream taken from the factory during the year, two were found to be Provisional Grade I and two Provisional Grade II.



The two samples of soft ice cream taken from mobile vans were found to be Provisional Grade I.

69 shops, 3 canteens, 3 cafes, 1 public house, 1 riding school, 2 community centres, 1 garage and 1 club were registered for the sale of ice cream.

## 2. Meat and Meat Products

### Meat

100% meat inspection was maintained during the year at the only private slaughterhouse in the District; in all, 313 sheep, 40 pigs and 1 calf were slaughtered and inspected.

Due to the high quality of the animals slaughtered, no parts or organs had to be condemned.

5 slaughterman licenses were renewed for a period of twelve months under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

### Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	—	—	1	313	40
Number inspected	—	—	1	313	40
<b>All Diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticercosis</b>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Tuberculosis Only</b>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Cysticercosis Only</b>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

## Meat Products

166 lbs. of canned and other meats were found to be unsound, voluntarily surrendered and disposed of so as to prevent their use for human consumption.

### 3. Other Foods

No formal action was necessary in respect of food complaints.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered by traders after being found unfit for human consumption. Disposal is by burial on the Council's refuse tip.

	Tins	Weight
Fruit .....	601	613 lbs.
Vegetables .....	99	68 lbs.
Fish .....	7	3 lbs.
Others .....	79	68 lbs.

### 4. Food Premises

The following is a summary, of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, grouped in categories of trade carried on in them. It should be noted that, in many cases, other types of commodities are sold besides the principal trade :—

Type of Premises	No.	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakeries ...	5	5	5	5
Ice Cream Manufacturer	1	1	1	1
Catering Premises ...	20	20	20	20
Butchers ...	17	16	17	17
Fish Shops				
Fried Fish ..	11	11	11	11
Wet Fish ...	2	1	2	2
Grocers ...	27	27	27	27
Greengrocers ...	8	8	8	8
General Dealers ...	36	36	36	36
Confectioners (Sweets) ...	17	17	17	17
Confectioners (Cakes) ...	14	14	14	14
Chemists ...	8	8	8	8
Licensed Premises ...	37	37	37	37
Off Licensed Premises ...	5	5	5	5

## Inspections

201 inspections and re-inspections were made. The inspection of some food premises rendered it necessary to draw attention to offences against the Regulations, but most of these irregularities were corrected promptly.

During inspections, the accent was on advice and "health education"; while facilities, such as hot water, sinks, wash-hand basins, etc., are available for food handlers, it is not so easy to ensure that these facilities are used to the best advantage.

The general standard in the District is good, but there is still much to be desired in the field of food hygiene.

## 5. Food Sampling.

The Durham County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority for the District and enforces the sampling provisions of the Food and Drugs Act 1955. The Chief Inspector of the Weights and Measures Department has kindly furnished the following information.

### List of samples taken in the District during the year ended 31st December, 1965.

	28 Milk
Informal	4 Milk
	2 Sultanas
	2 Currants
	1 Gravy Salt
	1 Butter
	1 Fish Cakes
	2 Flowers of Sulphur B.P.C.
	2 Light Magnesium Carbonate B.P.
	1 Boric Acid Powder B.P.
	1 Vegetable Laxative Tablets B.P.C.
	1 Castor Oil B.P.
Informal	1 Milk Food
Informal	1 Iced Buns
Informal	1 Currant Slice
Informal	1 Ground Rice
Informal	1 Semolina
Informal	1 Cocoa
Informal	1 Skimmed Milk Powder
Informal	1 Plain Flour
	1 Butter Beans
	1 Grapefruit Squash
	1 Worcestershire Sauce
	1 Celery Hearts
	1 Strawberry Preserves
Informal	1 Cucumber
Informal	1 Lettuce
Informal	1 Cabbage
Informal	1 Radishes
Informal	1 Carrots
	1 Fruit Crunchies
	1 Buttered Liquorice
	1 Custard Powder
	1 Baby Food
	1 Baby Rice
	1 Pickled Red Cabbage
	2 Beef Sausage
Informal	1 Beef Sausage
	1 Black Pudding
Informal	1 Sausage Seasoning
	3 Beer

Informal	1 Cauliflower
Informal	1 Spring Cabbage
Informal	1 Scallions
Informal	1 Tomatoes
Informal	1 Onions
	1 Salted Peanuts
	1 Peanuts and Raisins
	1 Tea
	1 Barley
	1 Table Salt
	1 Sausage Meat
	1 Ice Cream
	1 Glucose D.
	1 Olive Oil
	1 Borax
	2 Rice
	1 Pearl Barley
	1 Orange Cream Biscuits
	1 Butter
	1 Mixed Fruit Jam
Informal	1 Full Cream Evaporated Milk
Informal	1 Senna Pods B.P.
	1 Zinc Starch and Boric Powder B.P.C.
	1 Olive Oil B.P.
Informal	1 Strained Beef Broth
Informal	1 Strained Dinner
Informal	1 Pomegranates
Informal	1 Grapefruit
	1 Self Raising Flour
	1 Corn Oil
	1 Potato Crisps
Informal	1 Irish Stewed Steak
Informal	1 Herrings in Tomato Sauce

The Local Sanitary Authority is empowered to take samples for examination if it is thought that danger exists. Following a complaint from a school canteen, regarding a quantity of Rose Hip Syrup, samples were taken for analysis and the syrup was found to be pure.

## 6. Registration of Premises

The number and types of registered premises in the District are as follows :—

Ice Cream .....	81
Preserved Foods .....	3
Fried Fish Shops .....	11

## VII. HOUSING AND HOUSING MANAGEMENT.

### 1. Building Progress.

The number of houses built in the District during the year is as below :—

Houses built by private enterprise .....	238
Houses built by Council .....	42
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	280

Of the 3 council estates under construction The Glebe, Whickham, site was completed early in the year but some considerable delay was experienced on the Meadow Lane, Dunston, site; this was not completed before the end of the year. Good progress was made on the Dunston Decanting site.

#### Comparative Figures 1953-1965

Houses Built	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	Total
Council	112	99	84	105	9	129	124	—	—	71	—	171	42	946
Private Enterprise	26	142	214	122	179	145	120	156	181	50	275	357	238	2205
Total	138	241	298	227	188	274	244	156	181	121	275	528	280	3151

### 2. Private Housing

In September, the Minister of Housing and Local Government confirmed the Armstrong Buildings, Clavering Avenue and Handy Terrace Compulsory Purchase Order 1964; rehousing the residents of the area had been started by the end of the year.

The Ravensworth Road, Dunston, Redevelopment Area (various properties) Compulsory Purchase Order 1964, was submitted to the Minister during the previous year but had not been confirmed by the end of 1965; when confirmed and the residents rehoused, this area, together with the area aforementioned, will be redeveloped by the Council for housing purposes.

During the year the residents of the Whorlton Terrace Slum Clearance Area were rehoused and the area demolished.

Detailed inspections were made of the houses at Byermoor owned by the National Coal Board but no official action was taken by the end of the year.

18 unfit houses were dealt with individually, 17 being closed and 1 demolished, all the families concerned being rehoused by the Council.

#### Closing and Demolition of Houses

- (a) Number of houses demolished during year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action ..... 11
- (b) Number of houses closed but not demolished as a result of formal action ..... 17
- (c) Number of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses, demolition of which was temporarily postponed ..... Nil
- (d) Number of houses in use as temporary accommodation Nil



### Reconditioning and Repair

Houses made fit during the year by procedure under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) — 54.

(a) As a result of informal action .....	54
(b) By owners as a result of statutory notice .....	Nil
(c) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil

### Improvement Grants — Housing Acts, 1949/59

	Number of Separate Houses	
	Discretionary Grants	Standard Grants
(a) Applications submitted to Local Authority during 1965 .....	14	35
(b) Applications rejected by Local Authority during 1965 .....	3	—
(c) Total number of applications approved since inception of scheme .....	73	338
(d) Total number of grants paid since inception of scheme .....	63	251

### Rent Act, 1957

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received.

### Overcrowding

This was dealt with when discovered. Little overcrowding became apparent during 1965 and, where possible, many of these families were rehoused on Council estates. Much of the overcrowding was for a limited period, some of it by overspill from adjoining neighbourhoods.

## 3. Council Housing

### Housing Progress

At the beginning of the year, 891 applications had been received for council accommodation. On investigation it was found that half of these would benefit from being rehoused, some applicants having to share a house with another family, or present accommodation being insufficient on a bedroom standard, or, in many cases, particularly amongst the elderly, on health grounds.

During 1965, 53 new houses were completed and a further 58 became available for re-letting; bearing in mind that 22 families were rehoused under Slum Clearance and Closing Orders, this left 89 houses for general need. Accordingly only 9.9% of all applicants were rehoused and only 19.5% of needy cases. Many tenants benefited from exchange and transfer. The most needy cases, mainly on age and health grounds reside in the Swalwell and Dunston Wards.

### Allocations : Council Houses

Comparative Figures, 1956-1965.

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
New Houses Let	111	9	129	124	—	—	71	—	171	53
Tenancies Allocated	270	160	121	349	146	164	248	153	494	218

During the year 53 new houses were let; 218 tenancies were allocated, of which 55 were transfers and 52 exchanges.

## Analysis of Allocations

Table 1 — Type of Allocation

Unfit Houses	General Need	Total
16	202	218

Table 2 — Main Reasons for General Need Allocations

Medical Grounds	Abatement of Overcrowding	Homeless Families	Lack of Amenities and Other Reasons	Total
88	61	47	6	202

Table 3 — Size of Houses Allocated

3 Roomed	4 Roomed	5 Roomed	Single Persons	Aged Persons	Total
98	43	15	26	38	218

Table 4 — Result of Tenancy Transfer

Abating under-occupation	Abating overcrowding	Moving to a different locality	Domestic reasons	Total
29	29	23	14	95

Table 5 — Summary of Exchanges

Abating Underoccupation	Abating Overcrowding	Outside District	Private	Other Reasons	Total
20	32	4	2	4	52

### Sub-Tenants

These are only allowed by permission of the Council. Permission is usually granted for six months and must be renewed thereafter. Except in certain cases, an extra 5/- per week is charged per adult.

### Applications considered during 1965.

Applications	Granted	Refused	Total
New Cases .....	50	8	58
Renewals .....	51	1	52

### Demand for Council Houses

At the end of 1965 the waiting list had risen to 1,040 applicants compared with 891 at the end of 1964.

A breakdown of details of housing applications are shown on pages 47 and 48.

### Housing Sub-Committee

This Committee, composed of five Councillors and the Housing and Welfare Officer, met monthly to assist in Housing Allocations.

### Evictions

5 cases were reported of families being evicted from private dwelling houses, in 1965. The Council were able to rehouse 1 family.

# **BREAKDOWN of HOUSING A**

<b>WARD</b>	2 Bedroom Type		Total	3 Bedroom Type		Total	4 Bed
	Need for rehousing	No need for rehousing		Need for rehousing	No need for rehousing		Need for rehousing
<b>Dunston</b>	199	194	393	76	45	121	4
<b>Swalwell</b>	33	95	128	10	14	24	1
<b>Whickham</b>	24	52	76	7	12	19	0
<b>Marley Hill</b>	22	35	57	1	5	6	1
<b>Total</b>	278	376	654	94	76	170	6

# **ICATIONS at 31st DECEMBER, 1965**

Type o need for housing	Total	Aged person Type		Total	Single person Type		Total	Total
		Need for rehousing	No need for rehousing		Need for rehousing	No need for rehousing		
1	5	38	37	75	11	15	26	620
0	1	11	8	19	9	7	16	188
1	1	14	17	31	5	9	14	141
0	1	10	14	24	2	1	3	91
2	8	73	76	149	27	32	59	1940

## Appendix

### Factories Act, 1961.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1965 for the Urban District of Whickham in the County of Durham.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

#### Part I of the Act

#### 1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

PREMISES	Number of Premises on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	4	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	77	26	8	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	18	21	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	97	51	9	—

#### 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were Found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	3	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—	—	—	—
a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
b) Unsuitable or defective	6	4	—	1	—
c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	9	6	—	1	—



## **Outworkers**

There are two outworkers in the District, both engaged in the finishing of **wear-**  
**ing** apparel.

No contraventions of the Act were noted and no cases of default in **sending**  
in lists of outworkers to the Council were reported.

No occasions arose for the service of notices or for prosecution under the Act.

### List of Byelaws in force in the District

1. New Streets and Buildings and Alterations to Buildings.
2. Nuisances.
3. Nuisances in Connection with the Removal of Offensive or Noxious Matters.
4. Cleansing of Footways and Pavements, the Removal of House Refuse, and the Cleansing of Earth-Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools.
5. Slaughterhouses.
6. Houses Let in Lodgings or Occupied by Members of More than One Family.
7. Common Lodging-houses.
8. Regulation of Certain Offensive Trades.
9. Management of a Mortuary.
10. Prevention of Danger from Whirligigs and Swings, and from the use of Firearms in Shooting Ranges and Galleries.
11. Decent Conduct of Persons using Sanitary Conveniences.
12. Management of Sanitary Conveniences.
13. Telegraph and Other Wires.
14. Building Byelaws.
15. Building Byelaws made under Section 24 of the Clean Air Act, 1956.
16. Cemetery.
17. Dairies, Cow Sheds and Milk Shops.
18. Recreation Grounds.
19. Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air.
20. Wireless Installation.
21. Fouling of Footways by Dogs.
22. Byelaws regulating Swimming Baths under Control of Local Authority made under Section 223 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

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